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SUBJECT: TFGG01: RUSSIA INTRODUCES COMPETING RESOLUTION ON
GEORGIA

Classified By: Ambassador Alex Wolff for reasons 1.4(b),(d)

1.(C) The Russian Federation circulated a draft resolution on Georgia under other matters during Security Council consultations on August 20. The text endorses and enumerates the six point "Sarkozy-Medvedev" plan and calls on the parties to implement it. In circulating the text, Russian PermRep Churkin repeated previous arguments that the resolution tabled by the French on August 19 contained only "1.5 elements" of the six point plan, and therefore was not an accurate representation of the agreement. There was no discussion of the text and Council President Belgian PermRep Grouls gaveled the meeting to a close. See paragraph 4 for text of the Russian draft resolution.

12. (U) After the Council meeting, Churkin told the press that Russia had shared its draft with the French several days earlier, and that they had not objected to it. Churkin also said the situation in the region was beginning to normalize and cited as an example the decision of the OSCE Permanent Council to send up to an additional 100 observers to the conflict zone. The 20 additional observers who would soon arrive, he added, would be allowed into the security zone along the South Ossetia-Georgia administrative boundary.

13. (C) In a private conversation, Churkin told Ambassador Wolff that the Russians are not intending yet to move the draft resolution to a vote. In response to Ambassador Wolff's rejection of the Russian draft, Churkin said both the French draft discussed by the Council in an open meeting on August 19 and today's Russian draft would become unnecessary as events evolved on the ground. Churkin also told Wolff that French Foreign Minister Kouchner had promised Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov that President Sarkozy's clarifications of the 6 point agreement would not/not be included in a French draft Security Council resolution.

14. BEGIN TEXT OF RUSSIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION:

The Security Council

Recalling all its previous relevant resolutions,

1. Endorses the following plan agreed in Moscow on August 12, 2008:

President of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev and President of the Republic of France Nicolas Sarkozy support the following principles of resolving the conflicts and call on the parties concerned to adhere to these principles:

- a) do not resort to the use of force;
- b) definitive cessation of hostilities;
- c) free access to humanitarian aid;
- d) withdrawal of the Georgian forces to their permanent bases;

e) withdrawal of the Russian Federation forces to the line prior to the beginning of hostilities; pending the establishment of international mechanisms the Russian peacekeeping forces take additional security measures;

f) opening of international discussion of lasting security and stability arrangements for South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

12. Calls upon the parties concerned to implement the abovementioned plan in good faith.

END TEXT OF RUSSIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION

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